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LAS ANIMAS COUNTY REHABILITATION CENTER RECEIVES GRANT FROM USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Trinidad, CO – The Las Animas County Rehabilitation Center will utilize a \$25,000 Grant from USDA Rural Development to purchase kitchen equipment and classroom furniture. The center has been undergoing renovations to include upgrading lighting throughout, windows, doors, carpet, and paint. USDA Rural Development funding will be combined with funds from seven foundations to cover the \$330, 000 project cost.

“We appreciate the support from USDA Rural Development and the local community. Without their assistance and that from local foundations, we couldn’t have got this done,” said Duane Roy, Executive Director, Las Animas County Rehabilitation Center. “This rehabilitation center is an excellent example of the diverse programs Rural Development can provide funding for. We truly can build a community from the ground up,” said Joe Hostetler, Colorado Acting State Director, USDA Rural Development. Currently the center serves approximately 60 developmentally delayed adults from the Las Animas County area. The center provides a therapeutic working environment to create an opportunity for these clients to own and operate a business with the support of trained personnel.

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